# **Announcements**

□ Homework for tomorrow...

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Ch. 30: CQ 11, Probs. 28, 34, & 58

CQ6: I_a = I_d > I_b = I_c

30.10: a) J = 1.7 \times 10^7 \text{ A/m}^2 b) i_e = 5.3 \times 10^{18} \text{ s}^{-1}

30.14: D = 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}

30.16: J = 42. \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2
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□ Office hours...

MW 10-11 am TR 9-10 am F 12-1 pm

□ Tutorial Learning Center (TLC) hours:

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MTWR 8-6 pm
F 8-11 am, 2-5 pm
Su 1-5 pm
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# Chapter 30

# **Current & Resistance**

(Resistance and Ohm's Law)

### Review...

□ *Current density* related to the *E-field*...

$$J = \sigma E$$

□ *Resistivity & conductivity...* 

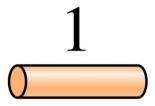
$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{m}{n_e e^2 \tau}$$

□ Ohm's Law...

$$I = \frac{\Delta V}{R}$$
 where  $R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$ 

# Quiz Question 1

Wire 2 has *twice* the length and *twice* the diameter of wire 1. What is the ratio  $R_2/R_1$  of their resistances?



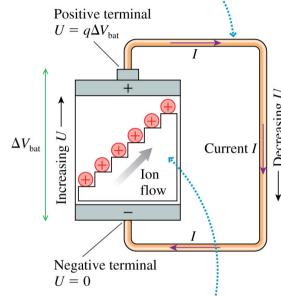
- **1**. 1/4.
- **2**. 1/2.
- **3. 1.**
- 4. 2.
- 5. 4.



- A battery is a *source* of potential difference  $\Delta V_{\rm bat}$ .
- The battery *creates* a potential difference  $\Delta V_{\text{wire}} = \Delta V_{\text{bat}}$  between the ends of the wire.
- The potential difference in the wire  $\Delta V_{\rm wire}$  generates an E-field in the wire.
- The *E*-field establishes a current  $I = JA = \sigma AE$  in the wire.
- The current in the wire is determined *jointly* by the battery and the wire's resistance, *R* to be:

 $\Box I = \Delta V_{\text{wire}}/R$ 

The charge "falls downhill" through the wire, but a current can be sustained because of the charge escalator.

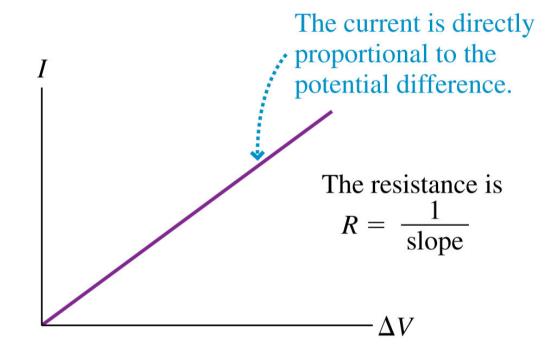


The charge escalator "lifts" charge from the negative side to the positive side. Charge q gains energy  $\Delta U = q \Delta V_{\rm hat}$ .

Notice: Ohm's Law is NOT a Law!

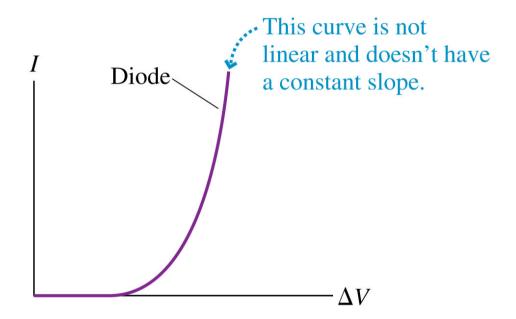
The materials to which Ohm's law applies are called Ohmic.

□ i.e.'s: metals and conductors



#### Nonohmic materials:

- □ i.e.'s: diodes, batteries, and capacitors



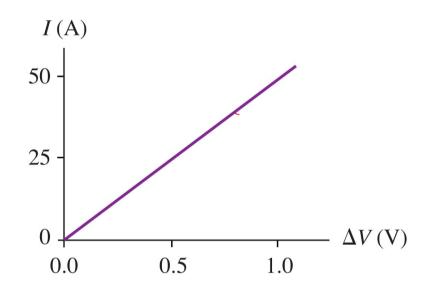
# Quiz Question 2

The current through a wire is measured as the potential difference  $\Delta V$  is varied.

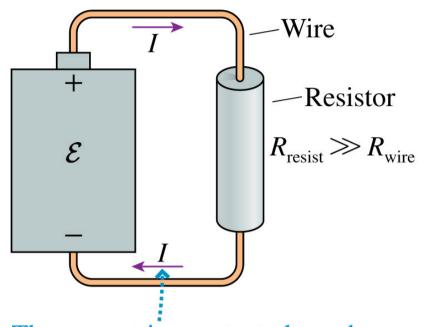
What is the wire's resistance?



- 1.  $0.01 \Omega$ .
- 2.  $0.02 \Omega$ .
- 3.  $50 \Omega$ .
- 4.  $100 \Omega$ .
- 5. Some other value.



Q: How does the voltage drop across the wires compare to the voltage drop across the resistor?



The current is constant along the wire-resistor-wire combination.

Q: How does the voltage drop across the wires compare to the voltage drop across the resistor?

A:  $\Delta V_{\text{wire}} << \Delta V_{\text{resist}}$ 

The voltage drop along the wires is much less than across the resistor because the wires have much less resistance.  $\Delta V_{\text{bat}} \qquad \Delta V_{\text{resist}}$ Wire Resistor Wire

# i.e. 30.8: A battery and a resistor

What resistor would have a 15 mA current if connected across the terminals of a 9.0 V battery?